

MINUTES

**MONTANA SENATE
61st LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE ON TAXATION

Call to Order: Chairman Jeff Essmann, on February 20, 2009 at 8:00 A.M., in Room 405 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Jeff Essmann, Chairman (R)
Sen. Taylor Brown, Vice Chairman (R)
Sen. Jerry W. Black (R)
Sen. Gary Branae (D)
Sen. Ron Erickson (D)
Sen. Kelly Gebhardt (R)
Sen. Kim Gillan (D)
Sen. Bradley Hamlett (D)
Sen. Christine Kaufmann (D)
Sen. Bruce Tutvedt (R)

Members Excused: Sen. Bob Story Jr. (R)

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Lee Heiman, Legislative Branch
Debra Polhemus, Committee Secretary

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Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: SB 353, 2/4/2009

Executive Action: SB 353 ~ DO PASS

HEARING ON SB 353

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:00:55 Sen. Jerry Black (R), SD 14, opened the hearing on
SB 353, Remove license tax incentive for ethanol.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:03:51 Ronna Alexander, representing Montana Petroleum
Marketers & Convenience Store Association
00:05:33 Mike Allen, previous owner Allen Oil Company, Helena

Opponents' Testimony:

00:07:46 Dexter Busby, Montana Refining Company, Great Falls

Informational Testimony:

00:09:23 Larry Flynn, Montana Department of Transportation (DOT)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:09:44 Sen. Brown
00:09:58 Dexter Busby
00:11:50 Sen. Tutvedt
00:11:59 Larry Flynn, DOT
00:12:11 Chairman Essmann
00:12:26 Larry Flynn
00:14:51 Sen. Gebhardt
00:15:17 Sen. Black
00:16:52 Sen. Brown
00:17:17 Sen. Black

Closing by Sponsor:

00:18:33 Sen. Black

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 353

00:21:20 **Motion:** Sen. Gebhardt moved that **SB 353 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

00:21:27 Sen. Erickson

00:21:44 **Vote:** Motion carried 10-1 by voice vote with Sen. Gillan voting no and Sen. Story voting by proxy.

Committee Business:

00:22:36 Chairman Essmann

00:23:26 Sen. Gillan

00:23:35 Sen. Gebhardt

00:24:57 Chairman Essmann

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 8:35 A.M.

Debra Polhemus, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT ([tas40aad.pdf](#))